**Key Fact:**

Title: It’s Kind of a Funny Story

Author: Ned Vizzini

Type of Work: Novel

Genre: Drama, Teen Novel

Language: English

Date of Publication: 2006

Publisher: Hyperion Books

Narrator: Craig; he not only narrates the story, but also is the main character of the story.

Point of View: 1st Point of View

Craig narrates in first person throughout the novel, presenting what he experiences and observes.

He goes back and forth in time because he repeatedly flashbacks

Tone:

Craig’s attitude toward the society is negative at first. He criticizes and blames himself; however, his attitude changes and he becomes positive.

Setting (Time): Craig’s 8th grade and 9th grade

Setting (Place): Brooklyn, Manhattan’s Executive Pre-Professional High School, Hospital

Protagonist: Craig Gilner

Major Conflict:

Craig is overwhelmed by academic pressure at school. He has no appetite, is bulimic, and sleeps poorly due to school works and stressful nighttime thoughts. Craig’s best friend, Aaron, introduces him to smoking pot. Craig, who is timid and nerdy and has never dated, is also jealous that Aaron has a girlfriend, Nia, who he is in love with. Craig talks to counselors and takes medication, but shortly afterward, he considers suicide by jumping off the Brooklyn Bridge.

Rising Action:

Craig has just started attending the best high school in Manhattan, for which he has studied very diligently to gain admission to.

Climax:

Instead of jumping off of the bridge, he admits himself to a hospital. There, the nurse confiscates his cell phone. Craig meets many interesting patients there.

Falling Action:

Craig’s appetite returns. His parents, sister, and the counselor are supportive. They are proud that he tries hard to overcome. Craig meets Noelle, who is also depressed and has a scar on her face. One day, he and people at the hospital find out his talent in art and he decides to transfer his school and changes his major. After one week, Craig is discharged and returns home with determination. He now tries to enjoy his life.

Foreshadowing:

In the beginning of the novel, Craig always seems uncomfortable when he hangs out with Aaron even though he is his “best friend.” This foreshadows his inability to fin in the society and ultimately leading him to the depression.